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Office of Legislative Affairs

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Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Messrs. Chairmen:

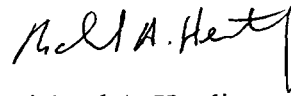
This supplements our previous responses to the Committees' letter requests and the House Committee's subpoena concerning the Committees' oversight investigations regarding the resignations of eight U.S. Attorneys.

As indicated in our letters dated March 19, March 26, and April 13, 2007, the Department has substantial concerns about the disclosure of documents that were generated after December 7, 2006 for the purpose of responding to congressional and media inquiries about the resignations of the U.S. Attorneys. Pursuant to the offer in our April 13 letter, and subsequent conversations with Committee staff, we are preparing a log of the documents we have withheld on this basis. The log will not list documents that have been withheld for other reasons. We will produce this log to the Committees on a rolling basis, by custodian, beginning today with the Attorney General's former Chief of Staff, Kyle Sampson, which is enclosed. We would be pleased to answer any questions or expressions of interest regarding particular documents identified on the log.

Also enclosed is a small collection of records provided by the Offices of the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Legislative Affairs, and Public Affairs regarding articles that appeared in the Washington Post and the New York Times on or about March 3 - 4, 2007, in which Committee staff have expressed particular interest. There have been minimal redactions in these documents of information pertaining to unrelated matters and the unredacted versions are available for review by Committee staff at the Department. We expect to produce additional documents in response to the subpoena in the near future.

Last, we are prepared to meet with Committee staff at your earliest convenience to confer about additional issues arising from this oversight investigation and I believe that our staffs have already discussed the scheduling of that meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact this Office prior to that time if you would like additional assistance regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Hertling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long vertical stroke at the end.

Richard A. Hertling
Acting Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Lamar Smith
The Honorable Arlen Specter
The Honorable Charles Schumer
The Honorable Jeff Sessions
The Honorable Linda Sanchez
The Honorable Chris Cannon